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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN SITREP

SUMMARY LAGOS REMAINED QUIET NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 16--17 WITH CURFEW STILL IN EFFECT. AMONG RELATIVELY FEW NOTEWORTHY ITEMS ARE STUDENT DEMANDS FOR TIGHTER SECURITY, FMG'S CLOSURE OF REUTERS, AND FIRST SIGNS AIRPORTS MAY REOPEN TO DOMESTIC TRAFFIC. END SUMMARY.

1. STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF NIGERIA WERE GENERALLY PREOCCUPIED WITH MOURNING AND PRAISING LATE HEAD OF STATE MUHAMMED. AT NSUKKA, FOR EXAMPLE, STUDENTS CALLED ON FMG NAME PLANNED NEW CAPITAY CITY AFTER MUHAMMED. STUDENT AND FACULTY PETITIONS, HOWEVER, FEATURED A GOODLY NUMBER OF XENOPHOBIC DEMANDS INCLUDING STRICT SURVEILLANCE OF ALL FOREIGN NATIONS, ESPECIALLY BRITISH AND AMERICANS. UNIBADAN TEACHERS REPORTED DEMANDING CLOSURE OF "CIA BASES" (SIC) WITHIN 48 HOURS.

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2. POLICE, APPARENTLY AS PART OF NEW SECURITY DRIVE, PICKED UP REUTERS BUREAU CHIEF COLIN FOX AND TWO NIGERIAN REUTERS EMPLOYEES, COLOSED REUTERS OFFICE. FOX'S WIFE PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST TEMPORARILY. FMG REPORTEDLY WILL DEPORT FOX. NO INDICATION WHY. THERE ARE RUMORS THAT ACTING EDITOR OF /DAILY TIMES/ AND LAGOS EDITOR OF /NEW NIGERIAN/ ALSO PICKED UP. FYI NEWLY-ARRIVED /NEW YORK TIMES/ CORRESPONDENT JOHN DARNTON CONTINUES TO OPERATE WITHOUT OBSTRUCTION. END FYI.

3. ITEM ON NBC LAGOS NEWS AT 2000 HRS. FEBRUARY 16 DIRECTED ALL NIGERIA AIRWAYS EMPLOYEES REPORT FOR DUTY IMMEDIATELY, BRING ID CARDS (APPARENTLY TO MAKE MOVEMENT POSSIBLE DURING CURFEW). THIS IS FIRST INDICATION THAT NIGERIAN DOMESTIC FLIGHTS MAY BE RESUMING, BUT NO RPT NO CONFIRMATION AVAILABLE FROM IKEJA AIRPORT.

4. SITUATION REMAINS QUIET. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO RPT NO REPORTS OF HARM TO AMERICAN CITIZENS.
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